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2008 Governor's Awards for the Arts





The Montana Arts Council and the Montana Ambassadors
welcome you to the Hometown Celebration honoring

Ed Lahey

Saturday, March 15, 2008
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Ceremony Presentation, 3:00 p.m.
Missoula Art Museum

Master of Ceremonies

Bob Homer, Montana Ambassador

Media Presentation

Arlynn Fishbaugh, Montana Arts Council

Speaker

Laura Millin

Guest of Honor

Ed Lahey



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MISSOULA ART MUSEUM



WELCOME

Jackie Parsons, Chairman, Montana Arts Council

OPENING PRAYER

Victor Charlo, Bitterroot Salish poet and playwright

INTRODUCTION

Ken Richardson, Incoming President, Montana Ambassadors

PRESENTATION BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

The Honorable Brian Schweitzer

**2008 GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR VISUAL ARTS/
SERVICE TO THE ARTS**

Corwin Clairmont, Pablo

**2008 GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR MEDIA ARTS/
SERVICE TO THE ARTS**

Terry Conrad, Missoula

2008 GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR LITERATURE

Ed Lahey, Missoula/Butte

2008 GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR MUSIC

Allen Vizzutti, Seattle/Missoula

Immediately following the presentation, hors d'oeuvres, refreshments and entertainment will be provided in the Rotunda. Music provided by Alexandra Swaney and Rennan Rieke. Catering by Melissa O'Hair and Melaya Joyce of Capella Catering. Flowers by Julie Sanders of Forget Me Not Flowers.



Hometown Celebrations

Each of the 2008 Governor's Arts Awards recipients are being honored in their hometown with a celebration listed below.

Corwin Clairmont – Friday, April 18, 2008, Pablo
Chaired by Montana Ambassador Elizabeth Marchi

Terry Conrad and Allen Vizzutti – Monday, March 17, 2008, Missoula
Chaired by Montana Ambassador Faye Warren

Ed Lahey – Saturday, March 15, 2008, Missoula
Chaired by Montana Ambassador Bob Homer

GOVERNOR'S ARTS AWARDS TELEVISED PROGRAM

KUFM-TV, a Montana Public Television station, has produced a 30-minute special broadcast of video profiles of the 2008 Governor's Arts Awards honorees. Watch for this special program to be aired throughout Montana on Montana PBS; KUSM-TV in Bozeman, KUFM-TV in Missoula, Bresnan Communications, and cable and satellite stations across the state. This program is produced by Alison Perkins (contact: aperkins@mso.umn.edu).

BROADCAST DATES

Thursday, April 10, 2008, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 12, 2008, 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 13, 2008, 10:30 a.m.

The profiles screened at the Capitol ceremony will also be broadcast, on a rotating basis, throughout the year. Special seven-minute in-depth profiles of each recipient will be screened at their Hometown Celebrations.

2008 GOVERNOR'S ARTS AWARDS

The Governor of the State of Montana is pleased to present the 2008 Governor's Arts Awards program through the Montana Arts Council and Montana Ambassadors.

MONTANA ARTS COUNCIL

The Montana Arts Council is the agency of state government established to develop the creative potential of all Montanans, advance education, spur economic vibrancy and revitalize communities through involvement in the arts.

MONTANA AMBASSADORS

The Montana Ambassadors is a volunteer, nonprofit organization of leaders in business, education, and the professions with a common dedication to living and doing business in Montana and furthering the best interests of the state, serving at the pleasure of the Governor.

Corwin "Corky" Clairmont Visual Arts/Service to the Arts

CORKY CLAIRMONT was born in St. Ignatius – a community in the center of the Flathead Reservation, home of the people of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes. It is framed on one side by the dramatic Mission Mountains and on the other by the historic St. Ignatius Mission. An enrolled member of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, of Salish origins, Corky grew up on the reservation, where he showed early promise as an artist, designing the Salish and Kootenai seal, which remains the tribal emblem today.

Corky is head of the art department and off-campus coordinator at Salish Kootenai College in Pablo. In addition to his administrative duties, he's been an influential teacher and was instrumental in establishing an outstanding art program and a handsome new building to house it at Salish Kootenai College.

Clairmont served as artist-in-residence at Washington State University, Eiteljorge Museum in Indianapolis, the Washington Historical Museum in Tacoma, Evergreen State College in Olympia and Rutgers University in New Jersey, where he was a print fellow at the Rutgers Center for

Innovative Print and Paper. He has also served on the board of directors for many years at the Montana Alliance for Arts Education.

Clairmont attended The University of Montana and Montana State University, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree. He earned his Master of Arts degree from California State University at Los Angeles, where he concentrated on printmaking while exploring conceptual and unconventional art forms.

Corky was recognized for his artistic achievements by the National Endowment for the Arts in 1978. His work is always a strong statement on current social and societal issues.



TERRY CONRAD was raised in Chicago and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music Education from the Sherwood School of Music and the University of Chicago. His instrument is the trumpet, his interests encompass both classical and jazz. Following college, he worked as a midnight jazz DJ at what is now station WJZZ in Detroit.

When Professor Phil Hess hired Conrad to staff the fledgling KUFM radio station at The University of Montana in 1973, he stepped into a student-training facility that had just boosted its broadcast power range from 4,000 to 14,500 watts. A year later, KUFM became affiliated with National Public Radio, and in the intervening years has steadily grown into a public radio staple for listeners throughout western and central Montana, with five full-power translators that broadcast around-the-clock to nearly half the state.

Terry is credited with creating the format of news and diverse, eclectic, cultural programming that has been the hallmark of the station.

As a dedicated supporter of the arts and humanities, Conrad took an educational approach to programming, stretching horizons and sometimes comfort levels in the process. Under his tutelage, the station promoted Montana arts and cultural events, recorded and broadcast Montana symphonies and concerts, interviewed poets, painters, dancers, musicians and other artists, broadcast music live from the



studios, produced programs about theater, aired the Montana Festival of the Book, and co-created (with author Paul Zalis and poet Lowell Jaeger) one of the first call-in discussion programs in the country about literature (now called Storylines America).

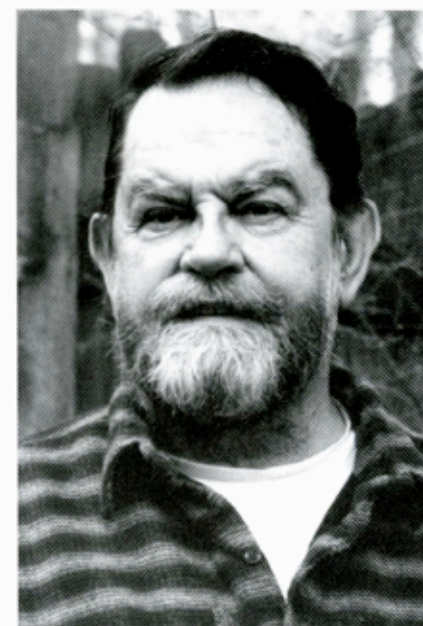
Over the years, Conrad also taught radio broadcasting classes to more than a thousand students through the UM School of Journalism. He has served on the board of Missoula's First Night, the Missoula Symphony and the statewide Radio Reading Service, and currently serves as an advisor to the UM student radio station.

ED LAHEY, native son of Butte, is a poet who earned the title, "The Bard of Butte," in part because of his body of work, but also because of his memorable "Irish Tenor" reading voice. He is a third-generation Montanan whose grandfather worked with the railroads. Lahey has been described as "a Montana original in the vein of artists such as Rudy Autio, Jay Rummel, James Todd and James Welch."

Ed's poem, *The Blind Horses*, of the world of the Butte mines from a few generations back is widely acknowledged as a Montana classic. It is in the first volume in the First Book Awards of the Montana Arts Council (1979). Russell Chatham's Clark City Press republished it 26 years later in a deluxe edition of Lahey's complete poems, *Birds of a Feather*.

"The people of this state who have done the labor, in the mines, in the woods, on the farms and ranches, recognize that Lahey has given voice to their lives, honored their work," says colleague Roger Dunsmore. "Ed Lahey is hands down the best reader of poetry I have ever heard and I have heard many of the most recognized poets of our time..."

Ed has contributed significantly to the world of Montana's art, literature, folklore and history as a wordsmith and performer. His influence on educators and other writers in the state has helped to establish Montana as an enclave of literary talent.



One early influence for the master trumpeter ALLEN VIZZUTTI was Doc Severinson, who visited Hellgate High School as a clinician during his years leading the "Tonight Show" band. After high school, Allen attended the Eastman School of Music. He earned both a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degree in Music, a Performer's Certificate, a chair in the Eastman Brass Quintet faculty ensemble, and the only Artist's Diploma ever awarded a wind player in Eastman's 85-year history.

While living in Los Angeles during the 80s, he performed on over 100 motion-picture sound tracks (including "Back To The Future" and "Star Trek"), as well as countless TV shows, commercials and recordings with such artists as Frank Sinatra, Barbra Streisand, Neil Diamond, Chick Corea, the Commodores and Prince.

In addition to playing with fellow musicians around the world, Allen's status as an artist has led to solo performances at the Hollywood Bowl, Carnegie Hall, Newport Jazz Festival, Banff Center for the Performing Arts, Montreaux Jazz Festival, the Teton, Vail, Aspen and Breckenridge Music Festival, the Charles Ives Center and Lincoln Center in New York City.



Allen has also released both solo jazz recordings and classical CDs, including "High Class Brass," a unique classical and jazz blend co-produced, co-written and performed with fellow trumpet artist, composer and conductor, Jeff Tyzik, along with a 90-piece studio orchestra. His extensive treatise, "The Allen Vizzutti Trumpet Method" and his "New Concepts for Trumpet" (Alfred Music Publishing), have become standard works for trumpet study worldwide.

These excerpted profiles were taken from stories written by Kristi Niemeyer for MAC's Jan/Feb 2008, State of the Arts newspaper.

Previous Governor's Arts Awards Honorees for Lifetime Achievement in the Arts

LITERATURE

A.B. Guthrie, Jr., 1982

MUSIC

John Lester, 1986

FOLK & TRADITIONAL ARTS

Oshanee (Agnes) Kenmille, 2001

SERVICE TO THE ARTS

Jo-Anne Mussulman, 1999

Dr. Joseph Mussulman, 1999

David Nelson, 1999

Joseph S. Sample, 1997

Miriam Sample, 1997

Benjamin Steele, 1992

Shirley Steele, 1992

John Talbot, 1994

Susan Talbot, 1994

Larry D. Williams, 2003

VISUAL ARTS

Becky Eiker, 2005

James Kenneth Ralston, 1984

Robert Scriver, 1990

Frances Senska, 1988

Robert F. Morgan, 2001

Jessie Wilber, 1988



Previous Governor's Arts Awards Honorees

DANCE

Michael Smuin, 1981

CARTOONING

Stan Lynde, 1983

FOLK AND TRADITIONAL ARTS

Wally McRae, 1989
Bernie Rasmussen, 1981
Kevin Shannon, 1987
Harold Sprague, 1985
Virginia Sprague, 1985
Agnes Vanderburg, 1983
Thomas Yellowtail, 1993

LITERATURE

Stephen Ambrose, 1999
James Lee Burke, 2001
Ivan Doig, 1991
Dorothy Johnson, 1983
William Kittredge, 1985
Norman Maclean, 1987
Thomas McGuane, 1989
James Welch, 1981
Paul Zarzyski, 2005

MEDIA ARTS

Myrna Loy, 1989

MUSIC

Philip Aaberg, 1995
Eugene Andrie, 1981
Uri Barnea, 2003
Judith Blegen, 1983
Donald Carey, 2001
Eric Funk, 2001
Mary E. Moore, 1997
Christopher Parkening, 1987
Mary Agnes Roberts, 1991
Edmund Sedivy, 1993

PRESENTATION OF THE ARTS

Arnie Malina, 1997
Myrna Paulus, 2001
Ralph Paulus, 2001

SERVICE TO THE ARTS

Francis Bardanouve, 1995
Archie Bray Foundation, 1981
Judy Ericksen, 2003
LaDonna Fehlberg, 1983
Robert Fehlberg, 1983
James Haughey, 1981
Hawthorne School, 2005
Elmer Jakab, 1999
Terry Melton, 1991
Montana Institute of the Arts, 1993
U S WEST Foundation, 1989

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

Montana Power Company, 1999

THEATER

Bigfork Summer Playhouse, 1997
Fort Peck Summer Theater and
Fort Peck Fine Arts Council, 1999
Missoula Children's Theatre, 1987
Montana Repertory Theatre, 1983
Montana Shakespeare in the Parks, 1991

VISUAL ARTS

Rudy Autio, 1981
Joanna Barker, 2001
Dana Boussard, 1987
Ray Campeau, 1987
Russell Chatham, 1997
Custer County Art and Heritage
Center, 2003
Gennie DeWeese, 1995
Robert DeWeese, 1995
Judy Erickson, 2003
Edith Freeman, 1993
Walter Hook, 1985
Isabelle Johnson, 1983
Eewokso - Ernie Pepion, 2005
Lyndon Fayne Pomeroy, 1991
James Poor, 1985
Gary Schildt, 1999
David Shaner, 1989
William Stockton, 2003
Peter Voulkos, 1985
Yellowstone Art Museum, 1995

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